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To:

City Council

City and County of Honolulu

Dear Council,

I respectfully request City Council to consider tabling Bill 69 (2017) indefinitely.

It is understandable in the wake of a tragic event that something be done to prevent it from happening again, but in this case expediting a bill without knowing exactly what happened runs the risk of failing to meet those objectives.

It does not seem reasonable to proceed with a bill until a thorough investigation of the Marco Polo building has been completed and the Council and the public knows:

1. what caused the fire,
2. what allowed it to burn so robustly,
3. how the fire was able to move into additional units,
4. why didn't the victims hear the alarms
5. Why did it take so long to extinguish the fire

Once these questions are known only then can an assessment of what retrofitting could have limited the loss of life and property- and that review will be limited only to the Marco Polo.

One thing we do know is that many other non sprinklered residential buildings are not constructed the same as the Marco Polo building therefore exercising caution on drafting a 1 size fits all retrofit bill would be prudent.

Please reconsider advancing and passing Bill 69 (2017).

Thank you,

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